

ADULTS CONT.

Nonfiction Book Club

Wednesday, May 15 from 10:30-11:30 AM
Read *Last Call at the Hotel Imperial: Reporters Who Took on a World at War* by Deborah Cohen, then discuss it with librarian Katie. Copies of the book are available at the Check Out Desk. Registration required.

Inside Scoop: Book Cover Art

Wednesday, May 15 from 6-7 PM
How does book cover art get made? How do artists exemplify the content of a book? Learn about the process and gain insight into the behind-the-scenes of book cover design from Stephen Brayda, an art director for HarperCollins Publishers. Registration required.



*Take Charge of Type 2 Diabetes

Wednesday, May 22 from 2-3 PM
Jane Giambrone, RN, CDCES, CPCC, will present helpful tips on three pieces of the diabetes puzzle -- nourishing your body, releasing the weight, and easing stress. People with diabetes can feel like they're stuck on a rollercoaster they can't get off. This program will provide practical, actionable solutions. Attendees will have a chance to win a copy of the presenter's book. Registration required.

Climate Café

Wednesday, May 22 from 6-7:30 PM
Join Pachamama Alliance for an open discussion about our current climate and environmental emergency. Within a safe and welcoming space, the focus will be on emotional responses rather than on actions we are taking, although experiences with direct action may be part of the discussion. Registration required.

*LBJ & Gulf of Tonkin

Friday, May 24 from 2-3:30 PM
Learn about Lyndon B. Johnson's involvement with the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution, which led to increased U.S. involvement in Vietnam. Presented by MCC History Professor and frequent lecturer Mark Sample. Registration required.



*Author Talk with Maria Souza Hogan:

My Samba of Survival
Saturday, May 25 from 2-3 PM
Join author Maria Souza Hogan as she discusses her memoir *My Samba of Survival* with special attention on how the women in her life helped her get where she is today. Attendees will have a chance to win a copy of her book. Registration required.

Unraveling a Long History, Part II: From Mandate to Conflict -- The British Legacy of Missteps in the Middle East

Thursday, May 30 from 2-3 PM
Join Jerry Elman for part two of his lecture series on Judaism and issues in the Middle East. This session focuses on the often-oversimplified history of the Israel/Palestinian conflict and how the British had a significant impact on creating this decades-long struggle.

TECHNOLOGY

*What is the Cloud?

Monday, May 13 from 1-2:30 PM
Join instructor Daniel Jones for this technology seminar about the Cloud and offsite servers and data storage or backup options. Registration required.

BML Tips:

- Programs with an *asterisk* are sponsored by Friends of Brighton Memorial Library.
- Register for programs online at www.brightonlibrary.org/events or call 784-5300.
- To request curbside pickup, email bmlcurbsidepickup@gmail.com.
- All programs are free, open to the public, and subject to change. Check our website at www.brightonlibrary.org for updates.
- Learn about our monthly programs by email.
- Sign up for our e-newsletter on our website's homepage, www.brightonlibrary.org.
- Visit the Friends of BML bookstore during regular library hours. All proceeds go toward library programming.



MAY 2024 PROGRAMS

BRIGHTON MEMORIAL LIBRARY



BML Open & Curbside Hours

M/T/W/TH: 9 AM-8 PM
FRI: 9 AM-6 PM
SAT*/SUN: NOON-4 PM

*Closed Saturdays from June 15-September 15

Special Openings & Closings

- May 16: Closing at 5 PM for Volunteer & Staff Recognition Dinner
- May 26-27: Closed for the Memorial Day weekend holiday
- May 30: Opening at 11 AM for staff meeting

Brighton Memorial Library
2300 Elmwood Ave, Rochester, NY 14618
585.784.5300 | brightonlibrary.org

STORYTIMES

Pajama Storytime
Wednesdays, May 1, 8, 15 & 22 at 6:30 PM
Drop-in storytime featuring stories, songs, and fingerplays for all ages and a caregiver. Held in the Brighton Kiwanis Discovery Room.

Bright Kids All Ages Storytime
Fridays, May 3, 10, 17 & 24 at 10:30 AM
Drop-in storytime featuring stories and songs for all ages with a caregiver.

All Ages Storytime
Mondays, May 6, 13 & 20 at 9:30 AM
Drop-in storytime featuring stories, songs, and activities for all ages with a caregiver.

Tot Time Storytime
Mondays, May 6, 13 & 20 at 10:15 AM
Drop-in storytime featuring stories, songs, and activities. Designed for children ages 18 months to 3 years, with a caregiver, but all ages are welcome.

Wobbly Toddlers Storytime
Tuesdays, May 7, 14 & 21 at 10:30 AM
Drop-in storytime for young children just starting to walk can join us, with their caregivers, for thirty minutes of stories, songs, and finger plays.

Lapsit Baby Storytime
Tuesdays, May 7, 14 & 21 at 11:30 AM
Drop-in storytime for infants and pre-walkers can join us, with their caregivers, for songs and board book share.

CHILDREN & FAMILY PROGRAMS

Talking is Teaching Bundles
Available monthly
Sign up to receive monthly themed Talking is Teaching Bundles for children ages birth to 4 years at www.BrightonLibrary.org/children.

*Jory John's Food Group Scavenger Hunt
Available all month
Pick up a Jory John based scavenger hunt and see if you can find all his food group character pictures hiding in the Children's Center. Bring your completed scavenger hunt to the Children's Librarian for a small prize.



CHILDREN & FAMILY CONT.

*Library Learning Lab: Fire Safety!

Wednesday, May 1 at 10:30 AM
Stop, drop, and roll on over to BML as our friends from the Brighton Fire Department bring the mobile fire safety trailer to simulate real-life fire-related scenarios. Open to grades Pre-K-12 and their caregivers.



*LEGO® Club

Thursdays, May 2 & 23 at 4:30 PM
Children can build from an individual container of the library's blocks and then display their creations in our Children's Center.

Pokémon Meet and Swap

Saturday & Sunday, May 4 & 5 from 1-2 PM
Gather your trainer friends and stop by BML to meet other trainers, swap cards, and work on your card collection. Card trading is encouraged but not mandatory. Open to ages 6-12.

Water and Swim Safety with Goldfish Swim School

Thursday, May 9 at 10:30 AM
Sunday, May 19 at 2:30 PM
Pool season is almost here! Learn important water and swim safety strategies for children with Goldfish Swim School instructors in this interactive, all ages session.

Bilingual Mandarin-English Storytime

Sunday, May 12 at 2 PM
Join us for a bilingual storytime in Mandarin and English! All ages with a caregiver. 歡迎所有任何有興趣的兒童與家長或與其照顧者一起參加我們的普通話故事及兒歌時間

Toddler Dance Party

Wednesday, May 22 at 10 AM
Toddlers and their caregivers can dance out their sillies to some favorite tunes! Designed for ages 18 months – 3 years, but all ages welcome.

ALL AGES

*Bio Blitz

Saturday, May 11 from Noon-3:45 PM
Help with a community effort to document the variety of flora and fauna of the neighboring Brickyard Trail and/or join a naturalist guide on a topical nature walk. Watch our website for the full schedule.

Closing Early

Thursday, May 16 at 5 PM
BML will close at 5 PM on Thursday, May 16 for the library's Annual Volunteer and Staff Recognition Dinner.

Puppies & Reading

Tuesday, May 21 from 5-6 PM
Drop in to the Learning Center to meet therapy dogs from RocDog who are trained to listen to kids read and help them gain confidence and de-stress. Puppy power!

Closed for the Memorial Day Holiday

Sunday and Monday, May 26 & 27
BML will be closed Sunday and Monday, May 26 & 27 for the Memorial Day Holiday.

Opening Late

Thursday, May 30 at 11 AM
BML will open at 11 AM, rather than 9 AM, on Thursday, May 30 for a staff meeting.

TEEN/TWEEN PROGRAMS

*Tween Swag Bags: Historical Fiction

May 1-15
Register for our monthly subscription service. This month, your bag will contain historical fiction themed library books, freebies, crafts or activities, and snacks. Fill out the TSB registration form, and we'll contact you when your TSB is ready for pickup: <https://www.brightonlibrary.org/teens>. Open to grades 4-8. Sponsored by Friends of BML.

*Make a Nature-Inspired

Clay Trinket Dish
Thursday, May 2 from 6:30-7:30 PM
Make a nature-inspired trinket dish using air-dry clay and flowers or leaves. We will send you home with paint and finishing tools to complete the project after it dries. Open to grades 4-12. Registration required.



*Cookies & Cram

Wednesday, May 8 from 5-7 PM
Want a space to study for finals? Need help prepping for AP exams? Rochester Peer Tutors will be on hand for academic support. Cookies will be provided!

Crochet Days: Make a Granny Square Bag

Fridays, May 10 & 17 from 4:30-6 PM
Rock your own granny square bag. Bring cotton yarn in three colors (worsted weight or 4 ply), and a G or H hook. We have limited amounts of yarn and hooks to share. Participants must be familiar with chain stitch, single crochet, and double crochet. Open to teens and adults. Registration required.

*Dungeons & Dragons Club

Mondays, May 6 & 13 from 3:30-5 PM
Bring your Dungeon Master and play D&D in this gaming session. Feel free to bring your own D&D supplies as game pieces are limited. Snacks provided. Open to grades 6-12. Note: The room will be unstaffed. Caregivers are welcome to stay.

Applying to College: Hooking Your College

& Test Optional Admissions
Monday, May 13 from 6-7:30 PM
Join Jodi Rosenshein Atkin of BestFitCollegeChoice.com and Mike Bergin of ChariotLearning.com for information on these college admissions topics. Recommended for high school teens and their caregivers. Registration required.

Practice ACT with Chariot Learning

Saturday, May 18 from Noon-4 PM
Take a practice ACT with a proctor from Chariot Learning. Score the test after to see how you did. Bring two #2 pencils, erasers, and a basic calculator. Open to grades 9-12. Registration required.

The Anti-Cram Study Plan for Finals

Monday, May 20 from 6-7 PM
How many of you wait until the last minute and then are cramming to prepare for your tests and finals? Do you want to have less stress and more confidence going into your finals? Join academic consultant Rebecca Rauscher, MS Ed. to learn the five easy steps to creating an "Anti-Cram Study Plan!" Registration required.

*Teen Comics Club!

Tuesday, May 28 from 6-7:30 PM
Do you make comics? Have you always wanted to? Join local comics artist Jackie Davis, author of *Underpants and Overbites*, for drawing exercises. Open to grades 5-12. Registration required.



Register for Teen/Tween & Adult programs by calling 784-5300 or online at [brightonlibrary.org/events](https://www.brightonlibrary.org/events).

ADULT PROGRAMS

Unraveling a Long History Part I:

Hatred Toward the Jews
Wednesday, May 1 from 2-3 PM
Join Jerry Elman, author of *Miracles Through Hell* and a descendant of Holocaust survivors, as he raises awareness and fosters an understanding of the history of antisemitism. The two-part discussion series will look at the historical context of hatred toward the Jews, as well as its modern expressions involving the State of Israel. Registration required.

*Books Sandwiched In

Thursday, May 2 from Noon-1 PM
Riding the Lightning: A Year in the Life of a New York City Paramedic by Anthony Almojera is a memoir covering the author's experiences from rookie EMT through the pandemic. Presented by Tim Czapranski, Monroe County EMS Administrator.

The Archaeology and Architecture of Judaism

in the 3rd and 4th Centuries
Monday, May 6 at 6 PM
This recorded Smithsonian lecture details the remarkable architectural remains of Judaic buildings of the period.

Make a Macrame

Wall Hanging
Tuesday, May 7 from 6-7:45 PM
Join Jocelyn Bushart from Sustainable Knots Co. to make a beautiful macrame wall hanging. Registration required.



Bestsellers Book Club

Thursday, May 9 from 5-6 PM
Read *The Woman They Could Not Silence* by Kate Moore and discuss with librarian Caitlin. Copies are available at the Check Out Desk.

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